THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (e) Defence production is undertaken in the Ordnance Factories and Defence PSUs supported by Defence Research and Development Organisation as per the requirements of armed forces. A ten year plan upto 2005 for achieving self-sufficiency in Defence Systems has been evolved. The thrust towards self reliance will be made along three lines (i) sustaining existing systems through indigenisation of spares, (ii) upgrading viable existing systems and stretching their life and capability and (iii) inducting indigenised systems progressively and minimising import of major systems. With the indigenous design and development of MBT ARJUN, various missiles under Integrated Guided Missiles Development Programme (IGMDP), Electronic Warfare (EW) system and Light Combat Aircraft (LCA), the country is hopeful to become generally self-reliant in defence systems by the year 2005. In 1997-98, a budget of Rs. 1678 crores has been proposed against allocation of Rs. 1458 crores in 1996-97.

The target for defence production vis-a-vis achievement during the last three years is as under:-

(Rs. in crores)

Year	O F B		D P S Us	
	Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement
1994-95	2200	1986	4282	4357
1995-96	2300	2308	4850	4673
1996-97	2530	2561	5465	5551

The on-going major projects under Defence Production are as follows:-

Ordnance Factories

(a) New filling factory being set up at Badmal in Bolangir district for high calibre ammunition. The investment proposed during 1997-98 is Rs. 17.38 crores. Ten types of 155mm ammunition have been productionised.

(b) 5.56mm ammunition project at Ammunition Factory Kirkee and Ordnance Factory Varangaon. Production has already commenced. The investment proposed during 1997-98 is Rs. 67.8 crores including FFE.

Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd.

(a) The Advanced Light Helicopter project for the army and its variants for Air Force and Navy. First Batch production has commenced. The investment proposed during 1997-98 is Rs. 83.64 crores.

(b) Development of MiG-21 BIS update project is awaiting completion. Production is likely in 1998-99. The investment proposed during 1997-98 is Rs. 7.65 crores.

(c) Overhauling of MiG-27 M airframes has commenced and of RD-33 engines likely to start in 1997-98. The investment proposed during 1997-98 is Rs. 0.53 crores.

No fresh joint venture project for defence production is under consideration.

DOT proposal to surrender certain Radio-frequencies

46. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Defence Ministry has rejected the idea of DOT to surrender certain radio

frequencies for licencing to operators of defferent wireless communication services;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the current position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV): (a) The Ministry of Defence is not in favour of outside parties operating their systems in the bands allocated for Defence uses.

(b) and (c) Disclosing specific details on the frequency bands in question would not be in the interest of national security.

Posthumous Award to Capt. BKS Khoisnam

47. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what Posthumous award was given to the Late Captain BKS Khoisnam of 6 Kumaon Regiment who died due to the improvised explosive device blast by the militants at Bakpuri Village of Darang district of Assam;

(b) whether there is any application from his wife Smt. Chitra Devi to appoint her to one of Central Government establishments; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken up for giving employment to his wife?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (c) No posthumous award to late Captain BKS Khoisnam of 6 Kumaon Regiment has been given. An application from his wife Smt. Chitra Devi for providing civil employment has since been received, and is under consideration.

Allegation against forces for violation of Human Rights

48. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the allegations made against the Military and Para-Military forces working in Kashmir as appeared in the recent report of Indian People's Tribunal on Environment and Human Rights;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the surrendered terrorists are also included in these Forces;

(c) if so, Governments reaction thereto; and

(d) what are the views of Government on these allegations?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Surrendered terrorists are not inducted in the Military. However, as a measure of rehabilitation of the surrendered militants, they are recruited in one battallion each of Border Security Force (BSF) and Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), subject to their eligibility.

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

भूतपूर्व सैनिकों द्वारा धरना

49. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव:**
श्री रामगोपाल यादव:

क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या भूतपूर्व सैनिकों ने विगत अगस्त के तीसरे सप्ताह से धरना दिया हुआ है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इनके धरना देने के क्या कारण हैं और सरकार से उनकी मांगें क्या हैं; और

(ग) सरकार ने पूर्व सैनिकों का धरना समाप्त करने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए हैं?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री मुलायम सिंह यादव): (क) से (ग) अखिल भारतीय भूतपूर्व सैनिक कल्याणकारी संस्था के सदस्य समान रैंक समान पेंशन और पेंशन संबंधी अपनी अन्य मांगों के समर्थन में आंदोलन कर रहे हैं।

संस्था की मांगों पर अखिल भारतीय भूतपूर्व सैनिक कल्याणकारी संस्था के प्रतिनिधियों के साथ विचार-विमर्श किया गया है। उक्त संस्था के प्रतिनिधियों के साथ हुए विचार-विमर्श को ध्यान में रखते हुए पेंशन संबंधी मांगों की जांच की जा रही है।